

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in view of the present Preliminary Amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

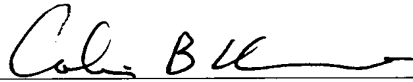
Claims 21-37 are pending. The present Preliminary Amendment cancels Claims 1-20 and 38-57.

The Office Action mailed January 2, 2008, contained a Restriction requirement and Election requirements. In response to the Restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group 2 corresponding to Claims 21-37. In response to the Election requirements, Applicants elect, without traverse, the following: Species I corresponding to the embodiment of Figure 3, and identify Claims 21-37 as readable on elected Species I; Species i corresponding to the embodiment of Figure 1, and identify Claims 21-37 as readable on elected Species i; Species A corresponding to the embodiment of Figure 4, and identify Claims 21-37 as readable on elected Species A; and Species a corresponding to the embodiment of Figure 17, and identify Claims 21-27 and 32-37 as readable on elected Species a.

Applicants make these elections based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims. Accordingly, an early and favorable consideration of Claims 21-27 and 32-37 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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